

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 24 has been cancelled and claims 40-54 have been added as new claims to reinstate claims inadvertently cancelled in a previous Preliminary Amendment mailed on January 6, 2004. The application was subject to an oral restriction requirement, to which the Applicant responded orally with a preliminary election. By reviving the inadvertently cancelled claims, Applicant would like to preserve the ability to confirm this preliminary election in writing. Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

If there is any additional matter that may be resolved by telephone or fax, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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